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Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of members of the party accompanying him

Letter dated 4 February 2014 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 1759 (XVII) of 26 October 1962, and in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I have the honour to request the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of members of the party accompanying him" in the agenda of the sixty-eighth session.

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, an explanatory memorandum is attached.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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Annex

Explanatory memorandum

Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of members of the party accompanying him

In its resolution 1759 (XVII), the General Assembly took note of the report of the Commission of investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of members of the party accompanying him and, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly of any new evidence which might come to his attention.

In July 2012, an enabling committee chaired by Lord Lea of Crondall, and consisting of the former Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, Emeka Anyaoku, and the Archbishop Emeritus of the Church of Sweden, K. G. Hammar, set up a commission of jurists chaired by Sir Stephen Sedley (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and composed also of Ambassador Hans Corell (Sweden), Justice Richard Goldstone (South Africa) and Judge Wilhelmina Thomassen (Netherlands).

The report of the commission of jurists to inquire into the death of Dag Hammarskjöld (the Hammarskjöld Commission) was made public on 9 September 2013 and formally presented to the Secretary-General shortly thereafter.

In successive submissions between 27 September and 20 December 2013, the Hammarskjöld Commission made available the information it had relied on in its report.

As new evidence concerning the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of members of the party accompanying him has come to his attention, the Secretary-General, in order to inform the General Assembly in accordance with its resolution 1759 (XVII), requests the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of members of the party accompanying him" in the agenda of the sixty-eighth session.